

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1992

FARMINGTON NOTES

Where seniors go

What's up at the Farmington Hills Senior Center? Activities include speakers, classes, holiday parties, congregate meals, contests, dances and swimming. There are also activities for participants in programs such as Meals on Wheels, Homechore, support groups, information and referral, Senior Adults Giving 7's Education. The center, for those 55 and older, is in the Mercy Center, 28500 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt. More information may be obtained by calling Justine Galat at 478-1854, or by stopping by the center (enter through Gate 4 and Door C) to pick up the monthly newsletter, "The Senior Messenger."

Strike up the band!

Harrison High School's marching band took first place in Flight 3 in the recent Linden Invitational. This year, the HHS band is playing a jazz show, "Channel 1 Suite," arranged by Andy James. The piece was originally made famous by the Buddy Rich Band. The band, directed by James, Mark Phillips, Scott Orewig and Kevin Przewodek, won all four Caption Awards: Best Marching and Maneuvering, Best Winds Music, Best Percussion and Best Color Guard. Harrison's band competed at the Michigan Invitational at the Atwood Stadium in Flint.

Banjo Jamboree

The Ban-Joes of Michigan will sponsor the 28th-annual Banjo Jamboree 1-8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at Vladimira banquet hall, 28125 Grand River, Farmington Hills. A raffle, cash bar and sit-down dinner will also be part of the program. Information on tickets, at \$25 per person, may be purchased by calling Farmington resident Howard Skovlund at 477-8565. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Household hazards to hit the dump



It's always a busy Saturday when Farmington-area residents haul out their hazardous waste for proper disposal.

By JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
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The special household hazardous waste day is becoming a big hit in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

"I'm especially pleased that approximately half were first-time users," said Tom Biasell, Farmington Hills public services director. That can only mean that the disposal day — held in the spring and fall — is gaining greater attention from more residents in both cities.

At the household hazardous waste collection day Saturday, a total of 431 vehicles — compared to 384 at the May 2 disposal day — drove into the 47th District Court parking lot to drop off those toxic and hazardous wastes.

Of the total, 311 were from Farmington Hills and 120 were from Farmington. Forty-eight percent of the par-

ticipants were first-time users.

The cities, which jointly contract with Waste Management Inc., whose division, Chemical Waste Management, was on site to help residents unload their cars, host two disposal days a year.

At Saturday's collection day, residents dropped off a total 2,765 gallons of stuff including:

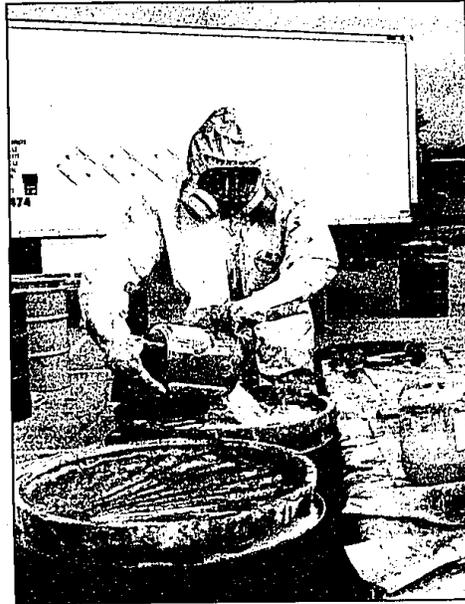
- Aerosol cans, 275 gallons.
- Asbestos, 55 gallons.
- Bulked fuel, 550 gallons.
- Lab packs, 1,615 gallons.
- Motor oil, 270 gallons.

Residents also dropped off 63 car batteries and 1,320 gallons of latex paint. Though the amount of latex paint sounds high considering residents were asked not to drop it off, Biasell said it's still less than last

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Buy, battery:

Chris Pawlukiewicz, 8 1/2, watches Waste Management volunteer Mike Mertens remove an old car battery from a van.



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A day for disposal: John Ressler, dressed for the occasion, dumps paint into a special container during the day set aside for the disposal of household hazardous waste.

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